

## 2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777.

William Tuck was appointed door-keeper to the senate, and qualified by taking the oath prescribed by the form of government, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and by taking the following oath: I, William Tuck, do swear, that I will faithfully, diligently, and honestly, discharge the office of door-keeper to the senate, and that I will not disclose or reveal the secrets thereof. So help me God.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

### THURSDAY, February 6, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Beall from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 6, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have agreed to the resolve herewith sent, relative to the intercourse between the senate and house of delegates, during this session; and have fixed our hours of setting to do business, from nine o'clock in the morning till one in the afternoon, and from three till five.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 6, 1777.

**R**ESOLVED, That the intercourse between the senate and delegates of assembly of this state, as to the mode of conducting business during this session, be the same as heretofore used between the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

### FRIDAY, February 7, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

**R**ESOLVED, That the hours of setting to do business in the senate be from three till five o'clock in the afternoon.

**O**RDERS, That the following message be sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

By the S-E-N-A-T-E, February 7, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE agree to the mode of intercourse between the two houses, pointed out in your message of yesterday by Messieurs Hall and Beall.

As the senate is thin and several members of the council of safety are senators, and the business of both departments cannot be carried on at one and the same time, the senate hath agreed to sit from three till five o'clock in the afternoon, until the governor and council can be appointed, and enter upon the exercise of the executive powers of government.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

James Tilghman, Esq; elected one of the senators for this state, having declined acting in that capacity by letter, the senate previously taking the oath directed by the form of government, proceeded to the choice of a member in his room, when Edward Tilghman, Esq; was elected by ballot.

**O**RDERS, That the president be directed to write to that gentleman, signifying his election into the senate.

Mr. Deye and Mr. Gilpin from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 7, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken the several papers and depositions, transmitted to the general assembly by the honourable congress, relative to the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, into our consideration, and this house are of opinion, that it will be necessary to send one thousand men from the western shore and the same number from the eastern, including those who have already marched, to quell that dangerous insurrection, and wish to have your concurrence: and that directions ought to be given to the council of safety to order that number from the regulars and militia; also to that end they should give instructions to general Smallwood or any other person, who may take the command.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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